

I tootally disagree with this partition. I feel that the Morse Code proficiency exam (Element 1) should be eliminated from the amateur radio exams, because it is preventing huge numbers of potential excellent future amateurs and current non-code technician class amateurs from up-grading, since they can not interpret Morse Code. Most of these people would have no problem with the technical exam and could pass any of the different written exams. However I do not think the Morse Code sub-band should be eleminated, that way the people that enjoy it can us it. Also when transmitting a message in Morse Code there is a greater chance of misinterpretation. It should be noted that even the U. S. military no longer use Morse code. With the advent of computers and other devices it is time to bring amateur radio in the U. S. into the Twenty-First Century. I hope that these changes are made as soon as possible. There are rules in place that would allow the FCC to do this immediately since the Morse code proficiency requirement was eliminated at the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-03), for operating below 30MHz. Also many friendly nations have done so since the WRC-03.